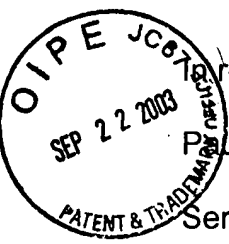


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Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Decision on Petition wherein papers filed on May 14, 2003 are being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 for the above-referenced patent application. This petition was dismissed for failure to have the "petition" signed.

Originally, this application had gone abandoned for failure to include the fee for the Extension of Time when the reply to an Office Action was mailed to the U.S. Patent Office on August 8, 2002. However, check no. 6662 in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the one month extension of time fee was included, then received and cashed by the patent Office. Next, we received a Notice of Abandonment mailed from the Patent Office on November 15, 2002.

Therefore, a telephone call was made to Examiner Gloria Weeks on November 18, 2002, who simply asked us to fax a copy of the Postcard and the cancelled check, which was done immediately (copy enclosed). We followed up with another telephone call to Ms. Weeks, in which she indicated that this would be taken care of and the application would be placed back in pending status.

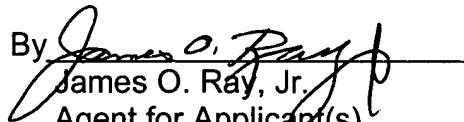
However, on May 14, 2003 another telephone call was made to Ms. Weeks who still indicated that the application was still abandoned. She advised us to again send a copy of the original fax along with the postcard and cancelled check. This was also done immediately and followed up with another telephone call, in which she again indicated that this would be taken care of and the application would be placed back in pending status. Ms. Weeks also advised that check no. 6662 had been applied to the wrong application at the Patent Office, but was being corrected.

Unfortunately, this application still had not been placed back to pending status, therefore, we spoke to Rinaldi I. Rada, Supervisory Patent Examiner on July 22, 2003 who asked us to again fax all of the above to him, which was immediately done.

However, this only resulted in a Decision on Petition which as indicated above was dismissed.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the above-referenced patent application be withdrawn from Abandonment and the application be placed in pending status.

Respectfully submitted,

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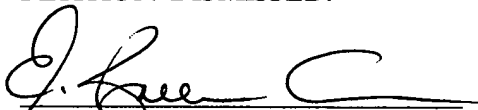
The facsimile papers filed on May 14, 2003 are being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the examiner's holding that this application stands abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter dated April 18, 2002. No fee is required for the petition.

The petition is dismissed.

The petition is not signed. Therefore, the petition cannot be treated on its merits. Parenthetically, it is noted that if petitioner had filed the petition prior to the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment, the paper would have been treated as a submission of a duplicate paper, but a signed statement to the effect that the attached correspondence had been previously filed in the Office on a particular date would still have been necessary.

Petitioner may submit a renewed petition, without fee, provided that the renewed petition is filed within two months of the date of this decision. See 37 CFR 1.181(f). No fee is required for the renewed petition. The renewed petition may take the form of a ratification of the petition filed on July 2, 2003.

PETITION DISMISSED.


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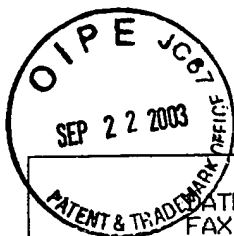
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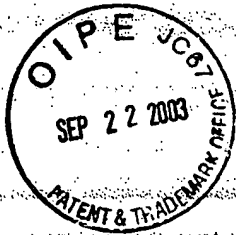
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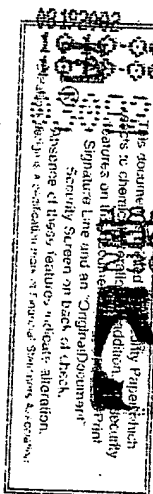
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